

Wilton Water Works Minutes

June 28, 2006

COMMISSIONERS: Chairperson Jim Tuttle; Tom Herlihy & Charles McGettigan.

Jim Tuttle called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Commissioner Herlihy acting as Secretary as Diane Nilsson was unable to attend the meeting

Guests: Bernie Rousseau & Marco Philipon > Pennichuck Water Service Corp. (PWW)

Ben Lundstedt > Comprehensive Environmental Incorporated (CEI)

Nick Jowders

Minutes – May 31, 2006

MOTION: Tuttle/McGettigan to approve the 5/31/06 minutes as presented. All were in favor.

Hydrant Painting Project:

Nick Jowders reported that he has begun painting the fire hydrants. Additionally, he is checking them for damage and numbering them on an existing plan.

Operating Report from Pennichuck (PWW):

The first issue discussed was the pumpage report. These reports are used to determine the percentage of water loss by comparing the amount of metered water consumed vs. the amount pumped.

American Water Works says 15% is acceptable; Pennichuck feels 8% - 10% is more in line with their operating guidelines. For this ratio to be meaningful, all water users must be metered (including Town entities such as the Fire Station and the Recycling Center).

Marco and Nick will get together and decide on a common numbering system for the hydrants so that the information can be transferred to the Pennichuck master plan.

Marco has been identifying valves and exercising them as stated in the contract. So far, he has completed most of the system outside the Village itself. He has identified 114 valves to date out of a supposed total of 120. It appears that many more valves exist than were first thought to be part of the system. He has completed his valve exercising for this year and will finish the rest next year.

The Commissioners asked that he address a known bad valve at Prince St. and Tremont St. and report back with a recommendation.

Pennichuck is converting the old water service books to their system so that all data will be computerized.

The Commissioners agreed to a request from PWW that any final meter readings, when real estate is sold or for any other reasons, will be done once per week on Thursday. This will allow PWW to better schedule their personnel and perform other tasks while they are in town.

The Commissioners also agreed with PWW that the Town Hall employees will set up appointments for PWW to repair or replace water meters. PWW or the Commissioners will keep the Town Hall personnel informed.

Pennichuck will furnish the Commissioners with detailed billing for any work done for water users that needs to be paid for by the user. The Water Commission pays PWW and then passes these costs on to the user for payment.

PWW will address a current water supply problem on Main St. for an estimated \$1268. If the valve testing is not conclusive, it may be necessary to remove a section of the main for a visual inspection. The Commissioners authorized PWW to purchase 6 U.S. Pipe hydrants for future needs. PWW will sell them to the Wilton Water Works at PWW costs.

It was agreed that, because of time constraints on the regular monthly meetings, a separate meeting would be held with PWW during the month. The date and time would be determined by the two parties. These meetings would be noticed in the same way as the regular monthly meetings and minutes taken.

Report from CEI

Ben Lundstedt discussed the latest revisions to the J. Parker and Daughters bid to perform Phase I and III of the River Crossing. After discussion about several aspects of the contract, the Water Commissioners agreed unanimously to issue a letter of intent to award the bid to the above mentioned contractor. Ben will handle the arrangements with the contractor.

Ben was authorized to order the needed pipes and fittings from E.J. Prescott. The cost will be approximately \$33,250 for these materials.

A firm date to be in the river is required for mobilization. Heidi Blackmer (her married name is not known at this writing) will be contacted in an attempt to firm this up.

The directional driller has run into problems getting his drill under Route 101 due to the presence of large cobbles. It may be necessary to bring in a different and larger drill rig that bores through rocks and ledge. A meeting is scheduled at the site on July 5, 2006 at 5:00 pm to discuss alternatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 pm

Respectfully submitted by T. Herlihy (acting clerk)